SI. No.	State/UT	2000	2001	2002 (upto March)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	134	116	15
25.	West Bengal	59	13	1
	Total (States)	1491	924	229
	UNION TERRITORIES			
26.	A&N Islands	0	2	0
27.	Chandigarh	7 0	2	3
28.	D&N Haveli		NA	NA
29.	Daman & Diu	1	1	0
30.	Delhi	10	2	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0 5	0 3	0
32.	Pondicherry			1
	TOTAL (UTs):	23	10	4
	TOTAL (All-India):	1514	934	233

NOTE: NA stands for 'Data not Available.'

Exemption of excise duties on relabeling of goods in SSI Sector

1299. SHRI S. M. LAUAN BASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various small scale industry fora have been representing Government for a clear and unambiguous clarification on the re-labeling and re-packing of goods made in small scale sector for the purpose of exemption of excise duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that large scale units are using the small scale sector as a clock to avoid excise duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Under Notification No. 8/2002-CE., dated 1.3.2002 small scale units are

eligible for full exemption from excise duty on specified goods, upto an aggregate clearance of Rs. 100 lakhs, provided they do not avail any CENVAT credit. Under Notification No. 9/2002-CE., dated 1.3.2002, small scale units are eligible for concessional rate of 60% of normal rate of duty, in case they avail the CENVAT credit facility. Further, in terms of section 2(f) of the Central Excise Act, for certain specified goods falling under the First Schedule to the Centrar Excise Tariff Act, it has been provided that the process of labeling or relabelling and repacking amounts to manufacture. This provision applies to all units including SSI units. To check misuse of the scheme, it is also provided that if a SSI unit uses the brand name of another unit, exemption from excise duty will not be available.

VRS in Banks

1300. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in Public Sector Banks before the introduction of the VRS bank-wise and group-wise;

(b) the number of employees retired in each of these banks under VRS during the last 4 years, year-wise, group-wise and bank-wise; and

(c) the recruitments made by these banks during the corresponding year, bank-wise and group-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Private investment

1301. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the private investment in India during the last 4 years in actuals, year-wise; and

(b) the break-up of these investments sector-wise and year-wise?